

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 21, 2005. By this communication, Applicant has canceled claims 21 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Moreover, Applicant has revised the status identifier of claims 9 and 10 so that each claim is properly identified as CANCELED.

Claims 6-8 and 14-16 are pending where claims 6-8 and 14-16 are independent.

Notice of Non-Compliance

In a previous response, Applicant identified claims 9 and 10 as CURRENTLY AMENDED. However, claims 9 and 10 were previously canceled in a Preliminary Amendment filed on August 6, 2003. As discussed above, Applicant has revised the status identifier of claims 9 and 10 so that each claim is properly identified as CANCELED. Furthermore, Applicant's previous presentation of claims 9 and 10 was made inadvertently and without deceptive intent. Applicant hereby retracts any arguments made with respect to the patentability of claims 9, 10, 21, and 23.

In view of the above and those arguments made in the Amendment filed on March 28, 2005, applicant believes that claims 6-8 and 14-16 are allowable and the pending application is in condition for allowance.

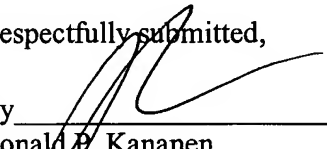
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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2045/DIV from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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